

Chef Goes Open Source

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Automation and dev ops developer Chef announces a change in the way it is both building and distributing software-- all products from the company are 100% open source under the Apache 2.0 license.



The license is consistent with the current Chef Infra, InSpec and Habitat license terms, and mean one can use, distribute and monetise the source code of Chef software, so long they respect the trademark policy. Previously Chef used an open core model, with a number of proprietary products complementing a set of open source tools. The move to open source should be a boon for partners, since it means they can deliver integration, customisation and support services for the software.

The now open source Chef also brings a software announcement-- Chef Enterprise Automation Stack, a commercial integrated suite unifying the Automate, Infra, InSpec, Habitat and Workstation products. As the company puts it, the unified stack allows users to develop applications, securely move data, write and enforce policies, and expedite digital transformation policies, all within a licensed product tailored for commercial Chef customers.

“Chef is fully committed to enabling organizations to eliminate friction across the lifecycle of all of their applications, ensuring that, whether they build their solutions from our open-source code or license our commercial distribution, they can benefit from collaboration as code,” the company says. “Chef Enterprise Automation Stack lets teams establish and maintain a consistent path to production for any application, in order to increase velocity and improve efficiency, so deployment and updates of mission-critical software become easier, move faster, and work flawlessly.”

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